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SUBJECT: CCD REPORT FOR APRIL 24-END OF SESSION, MAY
11, 1978

REF: (GENEVA 7229)

1. THE LAST THREE WEEKS HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY THE
COMMITTEE'S NEGOTIATIONS ON THE SPECIAL REPORT TO THE
SSOD. IN GENERAL, AS DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN PREPARING
FOR THE SSOD AND WORKING EXTENSIVELY ON THE SPECIAL
REPORT, THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SPENT RELATIVELY
LITTLE TIME MAKING PLENARY STATEMENTS AND THOSE THAT
DID MOSTLY REITERATED POSITIONS WHICH ARE ALREADY IN
THE RECORD.

2. ON APRIL 25, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR DIBERNARDO PRESENTED
A WORKING PAPER ON INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS FOR DIS-
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ARMAMENT (CCD/568) WHICH HAD BEEN CIRCULATED PREVIOUSLY
IN NEW YORK.

3. ON APRIL 27, SWEDISH ALT REP NORBERG PRESENTED A
WORKING PAPER ON COMPUTERIZED SCANNING OF CHEMICAL
LITERATURE AS A VERIFICATION METHOD FOR STRENGTHENING
CONFIDENCE BETWEEN PARTIES TO A FUTURE CW TREATY. HE

ALSO STATED THAT DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF WEAPONS WERE NOT THE ONLY DECISIVE FACTORS FOR ACQUIRING AN OFFENSIVE CHEMICAL WARFARE CAPABILITY AND THAT OTHER PREPARATIONS FOR OFFENSIVE CHEMICAL WARFARE SHOULD BE EFFECTIVELY PROHIBITED IN A CW CONVENTION. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR ENE MADE A STATEMENT REITERATING HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THE COMMITTEE'S ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES. CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ALT REP ZAPOTOCKY MADE A STATEMENT SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOVIET PROPOSED AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (MDW) AND CITED THE "NEUTRON BOMB" AS EVIDENCE THAT A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON NEW MDW WAS NECESSARY.

4. ON MAY 2, ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TERREFE MADE A STATEMENT EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT NEW MEASURES MIGHT BE NEEDED TO MAKE THE CCD MORE EFFECTIVE AND MINIMIZE THE ROLE PLAYED IN DISARMAMENT BY THE MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS. UK AMBASSADOR ASHE MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT REAFFIRMING HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL REFORM OF THE CCD. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR OGISO AND SWEDISH AMBASSADOR HAMILTON MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE NEW MANDATE OF THE AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP (REPORTED SEPTEL).

5. AMBASSADOR SAMARENDRA KUNDU, INDIAN MINISTER OF
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STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE MAY 2 GIVING THE "WORLD THE MESSAGE OF TRUTH AND NON-VIOLENCE" FROM THE "LAND OF MAHATMA GANDI." HE SUPPORTED EARLY CONCLUSION OF A CTB AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE SSOD WOULD DEVELOP A "WELL-DEFINED AND TIME-BOUND" PROGRAM OF ACTION AS WELL AS ESTABLISH THE ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE MACHINERY FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

6. THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CONTINUED WORK OF THE CCD'S AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP ON MAY 2 (REPORTED SEPTEL).

7. NO STATEMENTS WERE MADE MAY 5.

8. SOVIET AMBASSADOR LIKHATCHEV MADE US-USSR JOINT STATEMENT ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (SEE GENEVA 6843) ON MAY 9. THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS AND ELABORATE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT WAS FORMALLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE MAY 9 (SEE GENEVA 6803).

9. THE FINAL PLENARY MEETING, OF THE 1978 SPRING SESSION OF THE CCD WAS HELD MAY 11. U.S. AMBASSADOR FISHER MADE

CLOSING STATEMENT CONTAINED REFTEL. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR LALOVIC MADE A RATHER WOEFUL STATEMENT EXPRESSING YUGOSLAV DISAPPOINTMENT WITH CCD'S PERFORMANCE IN RECENT YEARS AND CHASTISING THE COMMITTEE FOR NOT AVAILING ITSELF OF THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED TO IT BY THE SSOD TO DEMONSTRATE CCD EFFECTIVENESS AND RAISE CONFIDENCE IN CCD'S ABILITY BY DRAFTING THE TEXTS OF A CTBT AND A CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. SOVIET AMBASSADOR LIKHATCHEV MADE A STATEMENT WHICH, IN ESSENCE, REPEATED HIS JANUARY 31 OPENING REMARKS ON ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND WHICH DWELT OVER-LONG ON THE SOVIET "NEUTRON BOMB"

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INITIATIVE AND THEIR PROPOSALS RE NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

10. THE SPECIAL REPORT OF THE CCD TO THE SSOD WAS FORMALLY ADOPTED MAY 11 AFTER EXTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE TEXT AND FORMAT, IN THE COMMITTEE, AMONG THE VARIOUS GROUPS, AND BETWEEN THE US AND USSR. THE REPORT WILL BE SIGNED MAY 13 BY THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN.

11. THE 1978 SPRING SESSION OF THE CCD WAS OFFICIALLY CLOSED MAY 11. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CCD WOULD BE JULY 11. SORENSON

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